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SUBJECT: CHINA HIGHLIGHTS, NO. 25

1. SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO PEKING

SECRETARY VANCE'S AUGUST 22, 23 AND 24 MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA WERE NOTED WITHOUT CHARACTERIZATION BY NCNA WHICH DESCRIBED HIS AUGUST 24 TALKS WITH VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AS "SERIOUS AND CANDID." HONG KONG'S PRC-CONTROLLED PAPERS HAVE NOT RECOMMENDED ON THE LACK OF POLITBURO-LEVEL PARTICIPATION IN TBENCIRST TWO DAYS' TALKS, BUT ONE OF THESE PAPERS, THE "NEW EVENING POST", SAID ON AUGUST 24 THAT WHETHER OR NOT CHAIRMAN HUA SAW THE SECRETARY "WOULD DEPEND ON THE U.S. SIDE'S ATTITUDE." OTHER COMMENTS IN THESE PAPERS, AND BY LOCAL PRC CADRE, HAVE BEEN TO THE EFFECT THAT CHINA HAS STATED ITS POSITION ON NORMALIZATION AND IT WAS NOW UP TO THE U.S. TO SHOW SINCERITY, REALISM AND SERIOUSNESS. REPORTS OF THE TALKS THUS FAR HAVE REDUCED LOCAL EXPECTATIONS OF PROGRESS IN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS.

2. ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS

A. CHINA'S ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS MET FROM AUGUST 12 TO 18. IT APPROVED A NEW PARTY CONSTITUTION AND A NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHICH ON THE 19TH ELECTED THE PARTY'S POLITBURO AND SELECTED FOUR VICE CHAIRMEN TO JOIN CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG ON THE STANDING COMMITTEE: PREVIOUS VICE CHAIRMEN YEH CHIEN-YING AND TENG HSIAO-PING PLUS LI HSIEN-NIEN AND HUNG TUNG-HSING. BOTH

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VETERANS WITH LONG POLITBURO AND PARTY SERVICE. TECHNO-
 CRATS, BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, FARED BEST IN THE
 NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHILE MASS REPRESENTATIVES AND
 MODEL WORKERS TOOK THE BIGGEST CUTS.
 B. STABILITY, UNITY, DISCIPLINE AND MODERNIZATION
 WERE KEY DOMESTIC THEMES, HUA'S POLITICAL REPORT ALSO
 JUSTIFIED AT LENGTH THE PRO'S CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY.
 C. TENG HSIAD-PING'S CONCLUDING SPEECH, WITH ITS
 FREQUENT REFERENCES TO REVIVING THE PARTY'S OLD TRADITIONS AND
 PRACTICES, PERHAPS SUMMED UP BEST THE SPIRIT OF THE
 CONGRESS. AMONG THE PRACTICES REVIVED: "COMMISSIONS
 FOR INSPECTING DISCIPLINE" AND DETAILED DISCIPLINARY
 PROCEDURES WHICH HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PARTY
 CONSTITUTION DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. VICE
 CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING, REPORTING TO THE CONGRESS
 ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, INTIMATED THAT A CONTINUED
 PARTY PURGE WOULD BE NEEDED TO DEAL WITH THE
 "BAD TYPES WHO HAVE SNEAKED INTO THE PARTY" AMONG
 THE 7 MILLION MEMBERS ADDED SINCE 1973. TO PREVENT
 A RECURRENCE OF THIS "CRASH ADMITTANCE", A ONE-YEAR
 PROBATION HAS BEEN INSTITUTED FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS.
 3. POSSIBLE NEW COMMANDER IN CANTON
 YANG YUNG, FORMER COMMANDER OF THE SINKIANG MILITARY
 REGION, HAS BEEN RANKED FIRST IN A LIST OF KWANGTUNG
 MILITARY AND PARTY OFFICIALS IN PEKING. THIS SUGGESTS
 THAT HE MAY BE THE NEW CANTON MILITARY REGION COMMANDER.
 IF YANG NOW HAS REPLACED HSU SHI-YU AS CANTON'S MILITARY
 BOSS, HSU MAY SOON BE NAMED AS DEFENSE MINISTER OR
 CHIEF OF STAFF. THIS SHIFT WOULD BRING TO PEKING ALL
 OF THE CHINA'S OLD MARSHALS, AND PUT THE PLA IN AN
 EVEN STRONGER POSITION TO INFLUENCE POLICY DECISIONS.
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